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THE CORONATION.

The Coronation of King George VI is still a recent and vivid memory, and perhaps the most striking feature of an impressive and happy ceremony was the extent to which the whole nation was able to participate in spirit, if not in person, thanks to the Broadcast commentaries and relays, so that we can say with real feeling, as never before—God Save and Bless the King and Queen.

Several representatives from the School saw the Processions in London in an official or unofficial capacity, and some of them record their impressions elsewhere in this issue.

In the local celebrations in Abingdon the School was also well represented. A detachment of the O.T.C. paraded for the Service in St. Helen's Church, and the school retrieved its fair share of "Coronation Buns," Mr. Grundy being one of the "throwers." In the Pageant procession in the evening Miss Grundy again represented our earliest known Headmistress, Dionysia Mundy, and Mr. Bevir was quite unrecognisable as John Roysse. The discerning eye could also detect

several of the boys, more or less cunningly disguised at various periods of Abingdon's history.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Mr. Gray on his marriage, recorded elsewhere in this issue, and in welcoming Mrs. Gray wish her a long and happy stay at Abingdon.

The following are the arrangements for the celebrations falling around Founder's Day:—

Thursday, June 17th. School Regatta, at 2 p.m. Friday, June 18th, Founder's Day. The preacher at the Service in St. Helen's Church at 2.30 p.m. will be the Rev. H. E. Smith-Masters, Vicar of East Hagbourne, and the prizes will be distributed in the Corn Exchange afterwards by Capt. the Rt. Hon. R. C. Bourne.

Saturday, June 19th. Past v. Present Cricket Match, starting at 11.30 a.m.

This term H. A. Lunghi is Captain of the School and Head of the House. School Prefects: G. V. Bayley, H. T. Jones, R. F. Simmonds, C. A. Ronan (Waste Court), R. Goodey i, B. N. Bosley,

V. A. Harfield, J. P. Amies and P. H. Wooster. Sub-prefects: M. D. Wells, A. C. Dean, R. F. Jackson, D. E. Roberts and M. H. Wheat.

V. A. Harfield is Captain of Cricket, R. Goodey i Captain of Athletics and M. H. Wheat Hon. Secretary of Games.

First IV. Colours were awarded last term to G. V. Bayley, J. O. Bury, J. M. Wood, P. H. Wooster and R. E. Brodie and Second IV. Colours to R. F. Simmonds, A. C. Dean, C. G. Carter, H. T. Jones and R. F. Jackson.

Full Athletic Colours were awarded this term to V. A. Harfield, A. C. Dean, D. Pimm and Half-Colours to P. H. Wooster, M. D. Wells, G. W. Randall, R. Goodey ii and W. M. Potter.

The Bennett Cup for House Rowing was won by Green House and the Bayley Cup for Junior House Football by Blue House.

The Inter-House Athletic Cup was won by Blue House.

On Empire Air Day, May 29th, most of the School spent the afternoon at Abingdon Air Station, and for the next day or two there was much talk of bombs, parachutes and gas-chambers.

We have to thank Mr. R. A. R. Townsend, O.A., for a gift of twenty numbers of "The National Geographic Magazine" of America.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: The Aldenhamian, The Alfredian, The Aluredian, The Bloxhamist, The Brackleian, The Chigwellian, The Halton Magazine, The Laxtonian, The Leightonian, The Log of the Nautical College, Pangbourne, The Monktonian, The R.M.A. Magazine and the St. Edward's School Chronicle.

This term ends on Monday, July 26th, the O.T.C. leaving for camp and other boarders returning home on the following day. The Christmas term begins on Thursday, September 16th, boarders returning on the previous day.

VALETE.

VI FORM.—J. O. Bury (1929, ii). School Prefect, 1936 ii; Captain of the School and Head of the House, 1936 iii; Rugger 1st XV, 1934-36; 2nd XV Colours 1934; Rowing 2nd IV, 1936; 1st IV, 1937; Cricket 1st XI, 1934-36; 2nd XI Colours, 1935; O.T.C.; C.S.M.; 1st Class Shot.

D. Jones (1931, iii). School Prefect 1936; O.S.C., 1935-36; Rugger, 1st XV, 1935-36; 2nd XV Colours, 1935; Cricket 2nd XI, 1935; O.T.C. Cpl. Cert "A."

W. Giles (1931, iii). Sub-prefect, 1936; O.S.C., 1936; Rugger 1st XV Colours, 1936; Cricket 2nd XI, 1936; Full Athletics Colours, 1936; O.T.C. L.-Cpl., 1936; Cert "A", 1937.

VA. R. E. Brodie (1934, iii). Sub-prefect, 1936, iii; Rugger 2nd XV, 1935; Rowing 2nd IV, 1936; 1st IV, 1937; Marlow, 1936: O.T.C. Sergt., Cert "A", 1st Class Shot.

REMOVE FORM.—D. E. Smith (1934, iii).

II FORM.—B. L. Bloomer (1936, ii).

SALVETE.

Remove Form.—A. J. Burgess.

IIIA FORM.—B. G. Churcher, R. D. Giband.

II FORM.—J. G. Churcher, E. Lay.

THE MUSIC CIRCLE.

On March 10th a party of nineteen went to Oxford and heard a concert given by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Felix Weingartner was the conductor, and he gave a classical reading of Beethoven's Third Symphony and Brahms's Fourth.

On May 2nd some of us heard a vigorous performance of Beethoven's "Mass in D" given by the Bach Choir and Oxford Orchestral Society. Dr. Armstrong conducted.

Though it concerns the School as a whole rather than the Music Circle it seems appropriate to mention here the visit of Mrs. Gotch and her trio on Saturday evening, February 20th. We know Mrs. Gotch well as a violinist and she brought with her Miss Herma Fiedler, 'cello, and Miss Hilary Smith, piano, and they gave us a very enjoyable hour's music, with a varied programme of trios and violin and 'cello solos.

ROWING.

Though conditions during the earlier stages of training were among the worst on record, the season, judged by results, may be regarded as eminently satisfactory. Owing to the continued floods and strong stream, it was not possible to do much tub pair work, and consequently beginners were drafted at a very early stage into tub fours, in which, however, they succeeded in gaining useful knowledge and experience under steadier conditions. The "spare" or 3rd crew, improved considerably as a combination and could have, if

called upon, made a fairly even match with our less formidable opponents.

Circumstances are expected to be somewhat heavily weighted against the Second Four. They may be called upon, as they actually were, to act as "spare" for Crew I and are subject also to the inevitable changes and chances which so frequently crop up to wreck their hopes: an instance of this type of bad luck being seen in the race against Magdalen College School. Work for the coaches was rendered especially arduous; following on the towpath being for the most part impossible, and the great distance from the crews in Culham Reach rendering words of advice, even when delivered through a megaphone, very difficult to hear. However, in spite of the numerous trials and hardships, the period of training passed without any serious casualties and proved a source of physical enjoyment and benefit to those concerned. Its a glorious feeling to feel fit, and rowing training does it for you.

FIRST IV.

Of last year's First Colours only Wheat, the cox, was left, so four men had to be initiated into the intricacies of sliding seats on the worst water we have had for some years. Conditions made much tubbing impossible, so likely candidates had to be tried out in a four straight away. Having selected Bayley, Bury, Brodie and Wood as the probable crew the next problem was to find a stroke. Wood was tried first, but he was rather light for the arduous task of knocking a rough crew together and working them up to racing pitch, and so finally Bayley was brought back from "2", and did his work very well. He was fated to row in none of the races as he fell a victim to 'flu on the day of the O.A. races, but it may be some consolation to him to know that the ultimate success of the crew was in large measure due to the hard work he put in himself, and extracted from the others, during the practice period. Wood then returned to stroke, shewing incidentally how much he had benefitted by his work at "2", and Wooster was brought in from the Second crew to fill his place. During practice the crew were rather untidy and unsteady forward when rowing, but they learnt to keep working all the time, as indeed they had to in the strong stream, which may thus have been a blessing in disguise. But, like last year's crew, they improved out of all recognition after the first race, becoming neater, more rhythmical and better together; and by their general form and spirit in racing they thoroughly deserved their unbeaten record. Finally they were very lucky to have a cox who gave useful and timely encouragement, and saved them much discomfort and unnecessary work by his excellent steering.

FIRST IV CHARACTERS.

G. V. Bayley. Captain. 11 st. 0 lbs. Did excellent work as stroke during practice, and was most unlucky to drop out before the races owing to illness. Lively and hardworking, but inclined to rush the last bit forward. A useful and energetic captain.

J. M. Wood. Stroke. 9 st. 7 lbs. Developed remarkably as a stroke. Very good length and rhythm, always kept a bit of slide for the finish. Imperturbable and apparently tireless, and shewed

good judgment in racing.

J. O. Bury. "3". 11 st. 3 lbs. Atoned for his unattractive style by consistent and effective hard work. His perpendicular body made his bladework heavy, but he became quite neat towards the end of the season. Made himself very useful as deputy-captain.

P. H. Wooster. "2". 10 st. 1 lb. Adapted himself well to slides at short notice. Good legwork and body-swing. Looked short forward, but actually kept quite a good length. A very consis-

tent worker.

R. E. Brodie. Bow. 9 st. 13 lbs. Made a very useful bow. Rather hurried forward, but rarely late on stroke. Neat blade and kept going to the end of a race.

M. H. Wheat. Cox. 7 st. 4½ lbs. A cox well above standard. Steering excellent, particularly on the Oxford course. Has acquired better voice and good sense of command.

FIRST IV RACES.

- v. O.A.'s on Saturday, February 27th, at Abingdon. Won by 9 lengths in 4 mins. 45 secs. The School won the toss and took the Berks bank. They went off well and were over a length up in a minute, and with a long stroke went away all the time to the finish. The Old Boys found the stream in flood too much of a handicap to a crew unused to it.
- O.A. Crew: A. L. Fleet (bow), L. P. Mosdell, R. Emmett, G. A. R. Boyd (str.), D. B. West (cox.).
- v. Magdalen College School, on Wednesday, March 3rd, at Oxford. Won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length. Owing to the strong stream the race was rowed this year over the short course from Long Bridges. The

School won the toss and took the towpath station. The start was level but after 15 strokes Magdalen shewed ahead, and were nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in front at the New Cut, but a timely spurt and good steering prevented them taking our water. Along the Barges the School steadily overhauled them, rowing very well indeed and making full use of the advantage in station, and passed the post $\frac{3}{4}$ length in front. This was an excellent performance for a light and inexperienced crew, and was some compensation for the reverse fortune four years ago.

v. Keble College, on Wednesday, March 10th, at Abingdon. Won by $1\frac{3}{4}$ lengths in 4 mins. 13 secs. Conditions were bad, with a strong stream and S.E. wind. Winning the toss once more the School took the Berks side, and after a level start were $\frac{1}{4}$ length up at the Big Tree. Keeping the stroke long and steady they gradually increased their lead, though Keble pressed them all the way

home.

SECOND IV CHARACTERS.

R. F. Simmonds. Str. 10 st. 7 lbs. A very hard worker with the proper spirit for stroke. Rather liable to rush things, but never failed to make a judicious spurt when required. Was unfortunately incapacitated at the time of the Magdalen Race.

A. C. Dean. "3". 11 st. 6 lbs. A powerful but rather ponderous type of oar. Not always able to keep accurate time with stroke, but unflagging in his efforts. Rather slow at getting

his hands away.

C. G. Carter. "2". 10 st. 4 lbs. Very painstaking and plucky. For a first season his improvement is most encouraging. Should concentrate on keeping time and swinging straight.

H. T. Jones. Bow. 10 st. 0 lb. A very creditable "bow." Seemed to find his position rather uncomfortable at times. Needs to improve

the steadiness of his body swing.

D. G. Carter. Cox. 6 st. 3½ lbs. Further experience has greatly improved his "coxing." Steers well, but still lacks the necessary "zip" in his commands.

R. F. Jackson. 9 st. 2 lbs. Rowed stroke in the race against Magdalen College School.

SECOND IV RACES.

v. O.A.'s, on Saturday, February 27th, at Abingdon. Won by 8 feet in 5 mins. 55 secs. The O.A.'s took the Berks side. After 15 strokes the School were ½ length up, but then the Old Boys got going and were nearly 2 lengths ahead just

past the Big Tree when a "crab" allowed the School to draw level. Again the O.A.'s went ahead, but another "crab" enabled the School to get home by a narrow margin. The School rowed hard, but were not well enough together to hold the determined O.A.'s.

O.A. Crew: D. R. H. Brown (bow), H. B. Healy, R. F. Andrews, P. R. Wood (str.), D. B.

West (cox.).

v. Magdalen College School, on Wednesday, March 3rd, at Oxford. Lost by 5 lengths. The School lost the toss, and having the Oxford side were ½ length up at the crossing in spite of being ragged. Up the barges they found it impossible to keep time with stroke, who got shorter and shorter, and "crabs" put them still further behind. Very bad luck on Jackson, having to stroke at a day's notice without any experience, and an unhappy race for everyone.

v. Keble College, on Wednesday, March 10th, at Abingdon. Won by 1½ lengths in 4 mins. 34 secs. In this race the crew shewed what they really could do. Winning the toss the School went up a bit on the start but there was little between the crews at half-way. From here the School began to go away, keeping a good length and swinging their bodies well, and altogether shewing

their best form.

House Four Races.

The first races for the Bennett Cup were held at the end of term. The First Fours rowed in the Clinker boats and the Seconds in tub fours. Green House drew a bye in both categories.

In the first round, rowed over the Regatta Course, Red won both races against Blue, the First crew by $1\frac{1}{4}$ lengths, and the Second by $2\frac{1}{2}$

lenoths.

In the Finals, rowed from the Minute Tree to the Top, Green beat Red First Four by 2 lengths in 2 mins. 29 secs. They were both quite good crews, but Green rather better balanced, rowed a fast stroke, which paid over the short course. The winning crew was: H. T. Jones (bow), R. F. Simmonds, D. M. Cracknell, R. E. Brodie (str.), D. G. Carter (cox).

Red Second Four beat Green by $2\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 3 mins. 10 secs. Red rowed very steadily and well deserved to win, but Green were disappointing, and never produced the form shewn in practice. The winning Red crew was: H. B. Bailey (bow), R. Hedger, W. M. Potter, C. A. Ronan (str.),

J. Stephenson (cox.).

Green House are therefore the first holders of the Cup.

HOCKEY.

In spite of the unusually wet weather, which caused us to abandon the Lower Field pitch altogether, we were able, thanks to the remarkable powers of recovery of Waste Court, to play a fair number of games, and the general standard of play was quite good.

Unfortunately the Old Boys could not bring a team this year, but matches were played at home against Bloxham (February 20th) and Wantage

(March 6th).

The ground was fairly dry for the first match, which we won 6-0. Our opponents were not at full strength apparently, and we had no difficulty in assuming and maintaining the offensive. Giles, who played well at centre-half, scored three goals and Lines, Lunghi, and Paige, one each. Our backs were sound, but the forwards lost several opportunities of scoring through slowness in the circle. This defect was more marked in the match with Wantage, whose defence was more difficult to penetrate. In the early stages of this game we had plenty of chances, Randall putting in a number of good centres from the right wing. But the shooting was poor, and Wantage recovered to score three goals, one before half-time, and two more early in the second half. At this stage our tackling was ineffective, and Mitchell in goal was twice beaten by shots which gave him no chance. Towards the end of the game we rallied, but could not get through. In spite of the heavy state of the ground, it was a most enjoyable game, which Wantage deservedly won as they were neater and quicker, and their shooting was much better than ours.

In both matches Harfield was very sound and reliable at full-back.

Teams v. Bloxham School:—Dean, F. G. D.; Harfield, V.A., Jones, D.; Goodey i, R., Giles, W., Bosley, B. N. J.; Bernthal, L. L., Paige, J. N., Lunghi, H. A., Lines, J, Randall, G. D.

The team v. Wantage School was the same except that Mitchell, H. K. played in goal instead of Dean.

UNDER 15 RUGGER.

The Under 15 XV played two matches in the Easter term, and both were lost. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the age limit the side was met by older opponents and defeat was inevitable.

The side played with determination and showed considerable ability in attack and defence against

bigger and heavier opponents.

In practice games the forwards kept well together and the outsides developed good understanding and tackled well. Aldersley was hardworking at half, while Logan and Yielding made some good runs in the centre. Hedger i, Goodey ii and Faulkner were the best of the forwards. Results:

v. St. Edwards, Oxford. February 10th. Lost, 51—0.

v. Southfields School, Oxford. February 20th.

Lost, 28-3.

The following played in these two matches:—J. P. Aldersley, J. Calvert-Fisher, L. W. Dale, H. J. Clarke, J. H. R. Faulkner, J. Graff, R. Goodey ii, R. Hedger i. (Capt.), I. S. Holland ii, G. L. Logan, J. P. Mosdell, M. F. Nathan, V. G. Polley, J. Richardson, C. G. Rowe, D. G. Sandercock, C. E. Yielding.

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

The Bayley Cup was won by Blue House who defeated Red 38—0.

Results:

Red beat Green, 27—3. Blue beat Green, 53—0. Final: Blue, 38; Red, 0.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

The School Sports were held on Saturday, May 8th, when a track of four laps to the mile in Waste Court was used for the first time. The weather was cold and dull and apart from a new record in the Junior High Jump being established by R. Goodey ii, who adopted the "Western Roll" style, performances were in no way remarkable. The joint success of the brothers Goodey in winning the Heber Clarke and Shallard Cups in the same year must be unprecedented.

The officials were:—President: The Head Master. Starter: G. F. Duxbury, Esq. Judges: W. G. Holmes, Esq., W. Bevir, Esq., W. A. Rudd, Esq. Time-Keepers: J. Y. Ingham, Esq., J. B. E. Alston, Esq. Stewards: B. N. J. Bosley, R. F. Jackson, C. A. Ronan. Committee: W. A. Rudd, Esq. (Chairman), J. B. E. Alston, Esq. Ex-officio: H. A. Lunghi, V. A. Harfield, R. Goodey i, G. V. Bayley, M. H. Wheat (Hon. Sec. and Treas.). Elected: A. C. Dean, C. G. Carter, M. Sprules, C. E. Yielding, G. H. Lewington, M. Collett, J. E. Cutteridge.

RESULTS.

1. Long Jump (Open). (Record: 21ft. 3\frac{1}{2}ins.).

1. D. Pimm. 2. H. A. Lunghi. Distance, 17ft. 8 ins.

2. Long Jump (Under 15).

(Record: 17ft. 31ins.).

2. V. G. Pollev. 1. N. J. Holmes. Distance, 13ft. 111ins.

> 3. High Jump (Open). (Record: 5ft. 43ins.).

2. H. A. Lunghi. R. Goodev i. Height, 4ft. 111ins.

> 4. HIGH JUMP (Under 15). (Previous Record: 4ft. 8½ ins.).

2. C. J. Reenan. 1. R. Goodev ii. Height, 4ft. 10 ins.

> 5. Hurdles (Open). (Record: 16 secs.).

1. R. Goodev i. 2. M. D. Wells. Time: $18^3/_5$ secs.

> 6. Hurdles (Under 16). (Record: $17^3/_5$ secs.).

2. W. M. Potter. 1. D. T. Nadin. Time, $20^1/_5$ secs.

7. 100 YARDS (Under 12).

(Record: 13 secs.)

1. G. Hill. 2. P. Carter iv. Time, $14^3/_5$ secs.

> 8. 100 YARDS (Under 15). (Record: $11^{3}/_{5}$ secs.).

2. J. P. Aldersley. 1. R. Goodey ii. Time, $12^3/_5$ secs.

9. 100 YARDS (Open).

(Record : $10^1/_5$ secs.). 2. A. C. Dean. 1. D. Pimm. Time, $11^2/_5$ secs.

10. 220 YARDS HANDICAP (Under 13). 2. J. H. Cockburn. F. G. Gibbs. Time, $30^1/_5$ secs.

> 11. QUARTER MILE (Under 15). (Record: 62 secs.).

2. N. J. Holmes. 1. R. Goodey ii. Time, $64^3/_5$ secs.

> 12. QUARTER MILE (Open). (Record : $54^2/_5$ secs.).

2. M. D. Wells. 1. J. Lay. Time, 58 secs.

13. PUTTING THE WEIGHT (12 lbs.). (Record: 41ft. lin.).

1. A. C. Dean. 2. G. D. Randall. Distance, 35ft. 8ins.

> 14. HALF-MILE (Under 15). (Record: 2 mins. $274/_5$ secs.).

2. V. G. Polley. 1. R. Goodey ii. G. H. Lewington.

Time, 2 mins. $39^4/_5$ secs.

15. HALF-MILE (Open). (Record: 2 mins. $17^{1}/_{5}$ secs.).

2. W. M. Potter. 1. R. Goodey i. Time, 2 mins. $23^1/_5$ secs.

16. RELAY RACE (Junior).

1. Blue House. 2. Green House. Time, 4 mins. $7^2/_5$ secs.

17. RELAY RACE (Senior).

2. Blue House. 1. Red House. Time, 3 mins. $37^4/_5$ secs.

The prizes were distributed at the end of the Sports by Mrs. Fleet. R. Goodey i. won the Heber Clarke Challenge Cup with 34 points, and R. Goodev ii the Shallard Cup with 50 points.

The House Cup, presented by the Ladies of Abingdon, was won by Blue House with 199 points. Red House being second with 128 points.

THE MILES.

The Miles were run on Monday, March 15th, on the Waste Court track. The period of training was rather short, and though the times were not particularly bad, even the better runners did not shew much sign of tactics or running to schedule. Performances in the mile would be considerably improved if more attention were paid to the theory as well as practice of long-distance running.

OPEN.

(Record: 4 mins. $50^4/_5$ secs.).

2. R. Goodey i. 1. V. A. Harfield.

3. J. Lay. Time, 5 mins. 26 secs.

House Placings:—1. Green House 23 points.

2. Red House, 45 points.

JUNIOR.

(Record: 5 mins. $20^1/_5$ secs.). odey ii. 2. N. J. Holmes.

1. R. Goodey ii. 3. T. J. Foy.

Time, 5 mins. $49^4/_5$ secs.

House Placings:—1. Blue House, 23 points. 2. Red House, 69 points.

The Subscribers to the Prize Fund, whom we thank most heartily, were as follows:-J. B. E. Alston, Esq., Mrs. Bailie, Mrs. Martin-Baker, Mrs. Bevir, E. J. P. Ross-Barker, Esq., Miss Ross-Barker, E. H. Blacknell, Esq., (O.A.), H. N. Bradbrooke, Esq., Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Carter, O. B. Challenor, Esq. (O.A.), Mrs. Challenor, Senior, Miss Challenor, Miss P. Challenor, Mrs. Cornish, J. E. Cottrell, Esq. (O.A.), S. E. Cullen, Esq. (O.A.), H. Donkin, Esq. and Mrs. Donkin, Mrs. Duxbury, Miss Florey, Mrs. Fleet, A. M. Wilson-Green, Esq., The Headmaster and Miss Grundy, Miss Harris, Mrs. Hedger, J. Y. Ingham, Esq., Mrs. E. J. Langford, Mrs. R. Langford, Mrs. Longford, A. T. Loyd, Esq., Mrs. Mayhead, A. W. Morland, Esq. (O.A.), J. H. E. Morland, Esq. (O.A.), P. H. Morland, Esq. (O.A.), E. A. Mortleman, Esq. (O.A.), A. E. Preston, Esq. (O.A.) and Mrs. Preston, J. B. Reeves, Esq. (O.A.), W. A. Rudd, Esq. and Mrs. Rudd, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Scott, H. P. Simpson, Esq. (O.A.), T. Skurray, Esq., W. H. Stevens, Esq. (O.A.), Mrs. Sturrock, Mrs. Tatham, R. A. R. Townsend, Esq. (O.A.), A. B. West, Esq. (O.A.), Mrs. A. E. Wood, Mrs. Woodford.

O.A. SPORTS.

The Sports Meeting with the Old Abingdonian Club was held on Saturday, May 15th, in Waste Court. The day was not so cold as the previous Saturday but conditions did not make for fast times. The scoring was very level throughout and the final result which was decided by the Relay, was a tie—each side scoring $13\frac{1}{2}$ points. The most interesting races were the Quarter-Mile which resulted in a dead-heat between M. H. Holme, O.A.C. and J. Lay; the Mile, where S. A. Paige ran beautifully and might easily have broken the record if he had been pressed; and the Relay, where Lunghi in the first lap gained a surprising lead which the School never lost.

The results were as follows:—

1. Long Jump. (Record: 22ft. 2ins.)

D. Pimm. 2. L. E. J. Luker (O.A.C.) H. A. Lunghi. W. B. Badcock (O.A.C.) Distance, 18ft. $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

> High Jump. (Record: $5\text{ft.} 5\frac{1}{2}\text{ins.}$).

1. S. A. Paige (O.A.C.) 2. R. Goodey i. A. F. Hill (O.A.C.) R. Goodey ii. Height, 5ft. 3½ins.

3. 100 YARDS. (Record: 10 secs.). 2. O. E. Clarke

L. P. Mosdell (O.A.C.)(O.A.C.). A. C. Dean. D. Pimm.

Time, $11^{1}/_{5}$ secs.

4. Quarter Mile. (Record: 52 secs.).

J. Lay and M. H. Holme (O.A.C.). A.C.). Dead-heat. L. E. J. Luker M. D. Wells. (O.A.C.).

Time, $59^3/_5$ secs.

5. Hurdles.

(Record: 16 secs.).

2. D. Pimm. 1. R. Goodey i. W. B. Badcock O. E. Clarke (O.A.C.) (O.A.C.)

Time, $18^1/_5$ secs.

6. Weight.

(Record: 42ft. 7ins.).

W. B. Badcock 2. O. E. Clarke (O.A.C.). (O.A.C.). A. C. Dean. G. D. Randall.

Distance, 36ft. 7ins.

7. MILE.

 $\begin{array}{c} ({\rm Record}:~4~{\rm mins.}~50^1/_5~{\rm secs.}).\\ {\rm S.~A.~Paige}~({\rm O.A.C.}).~~2.~~V.~A.~{\rm Harfield.} \end{array}$ Time, 4 mins. 55 secs.

A. C. Dean. M. Sprules. R. P. F. Mills P. J. Woolf (O.A.C.).(O.A.C.).

8. Half-Mile.

(Record: 2 mins. $9^4/_5$ secs.). odev i. 2. A. R. M. Adams. R. Goodey i. Time, 2 mins. 19 secs.

W. M. Potter. L. E. J. Luker (O.A.C.).

9. RELAY.

2. O.A.C. 1. A.S.A.C. O. E. Clarke. H. A. Lunghi. H. B. Healy. J. Lay. P. H. Wooster. M. H. Holme. L. E. J. Luker. A. C. Dean. M. D. Wells. W. B. Badcock. L. P. Mosdell. D. Pimm.

Won by 2 yards in 2 mins. 374/5 secs.

於水 O.T.C.

We must congratulate T. C. Davies, R. Goodey i, W. Giles, D. Jones, D. E. Roberts and C. A. Ronan, on obtaining Certificate "A." We may mention that 16 Certificate "A's" have been gained during the year, which constitutes a record.

Last term the weather greatly interfered with training and a Field Day arranged to take place on the Lambourn Downs had to be cancelled owing to the state of the ground. A number of successful indoor T.E.W.T.'S were carried out on the sand table and Sgt. Lunghi, Cpl. Wells and Cpl. Wooster showed themselves particularly able in conducting and devising these exercises. Weapon training and in particular loading and fire discipline received the special attention of Sgt.-Major Eyre, and it is hoped that this term's shooting will benefit accordingly.

Sgt. Jones and Sgt. Lunghi now command the two platoons. R. F. Simmonds is company-sergeant-major, while Cpl. Wells, Cpl. Wooster and L.-Cpl. Barnard are in charge of the armoury. C.S.M. Simmonds, Sgt. Lunghi, Cpl. Wells were privileged to represent the contingent and view the Coronation processions from the O.T.C. enclosure at the Victoria Memorial opposite

Buckingham Palace.

Promotions:—To be C.S.M.: R. F. Simmonds. To be Sgt.: V. A. Harfield. To be Cpl.: R. Goodey i, C. A. Ronan. To be L.-Cpls.: D. E. Roberts, D. B. West.

PROCESSION IMPRESSIONS.

(By Three of our Special Observers.)
From Buckingham Palace.

Why must this tube stop every two minutes? Must be there at 7.30—now 7.35! No joke standing in boots and uniform in a tube. Strange—the "Great Day" is here, but hardly a word about it, except in the newspapers this morning. Everyone makes fatuous remarks about anything but the great event-like nervous competitors before the race. At last—the station, hurried rush—resulting, of course, in a complete jam. More hustle . . . "Which way to the rendezvous, please?" . . . "Sorry we're late, Sir." "O.K. Guide! Shove them through that same gate." The Garden of Buckingham Palace! "Let's pass this crocodile of kids; we're in the Army now!" "Hullo, are you O.T.C.; also late? Join up, you eight. You'll have to march down Constitution Hill now." "March? We're not the procession. Oh, very well." Its easy on the sanded road. Brunch, brunch. "Do these crowds laugh at everything? Are our hats on straight? Our blushes match the Guardsmen's

tunics, but we're there at last. Victoria Memorial -S. stand. "But where's the stand? Oh, the pavement behind the Guards." Ah, there's the rest of them—can't see Beaky? Plenty of room to move about in, anyway. "Let's sit down—the pavement's warm." "What's the cheering for ?" "Hop up quick. Can't see anything."
"There it is." "What?" Dust cart adorned with ragged Union Jack appears in aperture between heads of two horses in front of us-colts rather, they belong to A-O.T.C.! More cheers-laughs, hoots. Bobby on a bicycle this time. "Yes, we crowds do laugh at anything." Horses part and let us come in front-decent cads, not horses any longer. The Palace looks as dull as the early morning. "Look at those cameramen right on the top." People at the windows now, maids and liveried and bewigged retainers. "Look! the two little Princesses at the main windows! They're staying there!" Now some Colonial mounted men arrive-Jove, what colouraren't they fine! But colours are appearing everywhere now. Peeping between two more heads we get a glorious kaleidoscopic section on that corner of the Green Park. "Royal Air Force, Halt!" "Right Turn!" "Order Arms!" (Translation by Kelly's Key to Klassic Kommands.) "Stand at Ease!" Groan from superior O.T.C. pups, as each command is carried out. "Guard of Honour, Halt!" Whispers of "the Guards." Gasps of admiration from said pups at each movement. "Royal Navy, Halt!" No breath left for audible expression, so pups just gaze in admiration. Then the bands—aren't they marvellous? Sudden cheers burst out as cars of foreign royalty and peers and peeresses skim away to the Abbey. "Skim" is the word, didn't see much of them. (Splash! "What's that?" A pup has fallen into the basin of one of the Memorial's fountains!) The First Procession's starting now. Good old Baldwin! Pleasant grin. Anyhow, the crowd's in a generous mood. Look at those Canadian Mounties behind their Minister's carriage! They put the "Aussies" in the shade, but aren't the "Aussies" huge too? Crowd now claps empty State Coach as it arrives inside the Palace gates, away on the left; we're right in the centre. Ah! here comes the next procession. The little Princesses! But they're still at the big windows-who said those were the Princesses at the window? Here they are in front of us, only 15 yards away. We can see the flush on Lord Lascelles' face. The Royal Duchesses would put

any film-star in the shade, and the Dukes any cowboy—the way they sit their horses! At last! The King's Procession! Frenzied cheering—charming smiles from the Queen—the King graver, sits with true kingly dignity. They must have hired the coach from Cinderella, with its fairy workmanship. Now more mounted troops and then it's over—all too soon.

We disperse around the parks and greens, the "bobbies" let our uniforms through any barriers, but we pups think it's we who are important, not the uniform. And so we wait for the return procession.

FROM OXFORD STREET.

Calling from the Marble Arch!

What a feast of colour; what a sight for sore eyes. All who witness this unique spectacle must surely spare a thought and an extra contribution for St. Dunstan's. Was this sight worth all the preliminary training? Believe me when I say that had this little show taken place across the Herring Pond, Hollywood could have closed down for a year! Our police are wonderful, our Guards like machinery, but relieve them of their bearskins, hand bearskins to the Rhodesians, and you have more machinery.

Ghurkas' faces, one huge smile—what are they smiling at? Look round, and there is Wiblin without "the old school tie," in new uniform of blue, giving a demonstration of presenting arms! No wonder they smiled! Ah! the Scots Greys band—the horses giving a fine imitation of the Corps marking time—and then the important part of the procession approaches. First, Mr. Baldwin, what a round of cheers he received! How his chest must have swelled with pride at the sight of Lunghi and Co.—Britain rearming with a vengeance! Then the Dominion Prime Ministers, with escorts of their own troops. Each received a great ovation, but nothing to be compared to the tumultuous welcome accorded to Queen Mary and the Princesses. What a regal figure she is, bowing to right and left with stately dignity. Most of us forget that she is as human as any of us, a mother with a family, who has been through a sore trial but can always find a smile for her loved people.

At last the greatest moment of all! Close your eyes, throw your mind back to kindergarten days—open them again in fairyland. Real grey horses, a gold coach of unspeakable beauty and spendour, and seated inside a real King and Queen.

Smiling happily in reply to uproarious cheers they pass all too quickly.

We feel we have come back to earth again with their passing, and to make reality more real, heavy raindrops begin to fall. Perhaps some of the Indian troops had dropped a spare monsoon; anyhow in a few minutes everyone was drenched. But was it worth while? We'll say it was!

FROM A SECOND FLOOR WINDOW IN REGENT STREET.

Hats off to the organisers of London's transport. Breakfast at a standing buffet, where scrumpractice comes in useful. Then hours of waiting. Below are thousands of people standing fourteen deep on the pavement—and what about the heroic father who supported a stout child on his shoulders for the whole of seven hours! Troops to line the route arrive, and then a police-van-"Will people on the balconies kindly refrain from throwing food on to the troops below." The rain of cigarettes, fruit and sandwiches slackens off! Presently loud speakers relay the Coronation Service from the Abbey-very impressive. A hush of suspense, and then the King's voice clear and slow. More hours pass. At last the Territorials below slope arms—and a forest of periscopes leaps up as four splendid Lifeguardsmen appear at the head of the procession. Detachments from the Empire-many colours, fine physique, Australians, Canadians, all splendid to look at. The frenzy of the crowd is growing—many people fainting. Here are massed blue uniforms of the British regiments—the one dull part of the pageant. The R.A.F. men in smart blue give the finest exhibition of marching, and then a long train of glittering guns. Marines looking very smart but hidden under mushroom helmets. stream of closed carriages, their occupants invisible from above, only to be guessed from the escorts. The Prime Minister—the crowd is getting worked up more and more. Deafening shouts for the members of the Royal Family. Look at the Princesses bobbing about in their excitement. Now the Guards—towering above the crowds—the Indian officers, a kaleidoscope of brilliant colours the jockey caps of the Household Cavalry bandand then the climax—the really amazing gilt coach and within it their Majesties-crowned, stately and serious but obviously happy and deeply moved by the tremendous welcome,—a sight such as no one who saw it could ever possibly forget.

O.A. NOTES.

BIRTH.

BARTLETT.—On May 12, at Manor Farm, Little Compton, Moreton-in-the-Marsh, to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bartlett, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

MARRIAGES.

BROADBENT—SANDERSON.—On March 24, at Christ Church, Luton, Roland E. Broadbent to Mary, née Sanderson.

GRAY—CLARK.—On March 27, at St. Cuthbert's Church, Darlington, H. Mervyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gray, of Bournemouth, to Irene, third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Darlington.

ELLIS—LEACH.—On March 29, at St. Michael's Church, Abingdon, Christopher, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellis, of 32, Bostock Road, Abingdon, to Margaret Helen, daughter of Mrs. H. E. and the late Mr. Leach, of 42, Bath Street, Abingdon.

MITCHELL—RABY.—On March 31, at Leicester, Frank Leonard, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mitchell, of Boar's Hill, Oxford, to Joan Beatrice, daughter of Canon Raby, of Leicester.

The Rev. H. F. Shepherd (1902) has been appointed Vicar of Wilmington, near Dartford, Kent.

- W. R. C. Adcock, who was on the staff here from 1906 to 1908, is now at the Grammar School, Horsmonden, Kent.
- H. P. Tame (1917), in a competition open to the engineering profession in general, has been awarded a special prize offered by the Council of the Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress for a paper to be presented at the Congress in November. Tame is at present Deputy Engineer and Surveyor at Woking.
- E. C. Beaven (1921) has been appointed Head-master of Cheam Boys' School, Surrey.
- In The Architect for Friday, May 7, there was a reproduction of the "Flats at Sohe Square" designed by J. D. Wood (1926), which has been accepted for the Royal Academy Exhibition this year. Twice before J. D. Wood has had designs accepted by the Royal Academy.
- G. J. Almillàtegui (1916) writes from Panama, where he is President of the Compania Panagricola, S.A., and has for the past eight years represented his district as a Congressman.
- G. E. Sinclair (1931) has been moved from Kumasi (Gold Coast) to an outlying station ninety miles away, where he will be the only European in

the district. What time he can spare from court work, office work, tours of inspection and the like, he hopes, for reasons of commissariat, to devote to his farm and garden.

G. A. R. Boyd (1931) is now inspector of Refrigeration Plant for Messrs. J. Lyons and Company.

Pembroke College Boat Club, under the captaincy of A. L. Fleet (1934), has been as successful in the Eights this term as it was in the Torpids last term. The first boat, with Fleet at "7", made five bumps and ended tenth in the first division, and the second boat made seven bumps and ended eighth in the fourth division. In all, twenty-six bumps have been made by the College boats this year.

- D. E. Mills (1935), of Barclay's Bank, has been transferred from the Trowbridge to the Beaconsfield branch.
- P. J. Woolf (1935) is rowing in the Ibis Boat Club's second Eight.
- P. A. Wimberley (1936) has been gazetted Acting Pilot Officer in the R.A.F. He has been at the Headquarters Depot at Uxbridge and is now with No. 5 F.T.S. at Sealand, Cheshire.
- L. E. Carter (1934) is at Culham Training College.
- D. R. H. Brown (1936) is at Reading University, studying fruit-farming and rowing by way of recreation.
- J. O. Bury (1937) is learning stock-farming at Burford.
- D. Jones (1937) has a clerkship in the Post Office in Abingdon.
 - W. Giles (1937) is at Barclay's Bank in Oxford.
- R. E. Brodie (1937) is learning boat-building at Walton-on-Thames.

LONDON O.A. SPORTS SECTION, 1936-7.

A wise man once said that the second year of any Club's existence was its most difficult period and what a very wise man was he. We have indeed been through a very trying period.

The Season itself must have been the worst ever known from the point of view of weather conditions. Rain, rain... it seemed as though it would never stop. Our ground, which at the beginning of the season was perhaps a little tacky, by the New Year was in parts under inches of water.

While the weather conditions were truly appalling, we were not unduly worried in this direction. Our troubles were far more insidious than buckets of rain and squelching mud. We shall tell of these as we go along.

It will be remembered that during our first year, we were a roving side playing all "away" matches and relying wholly upon the generosity of established clubs to entertain us. This, it was decided, must cease as soon as we were able to discover a site for a ground and the necessary accommodation. Accordingly, the committee set in motion the necessary mechanism and, after much deliberation and several false alarms, a ground was viewed and decided upon. Credit for this must go to H. L. G. Livingston.

Our ground chosen, the question of accommodation presented considerable difficulty for some time. Eventually, it was decided to place a contract with a firm of builders to construct for us our own pavilion close to the ground. The whole of the responsibility of this work devolved upon the very able shoulders of J. D. Wood. From start to finish, he carried out all negotiations with the owner of the property, the local council and the builders themselves. The equipping of the premises with the very necessary hundred and one items followed. Our thanks here are due to a large extent to Mr. Fabes (Senior) who equipped us fully with all the necessary catering furniture and utensils. The hot water installation (surely without parallel!) was devised and executed by Messrs. J. Wood. G. A. R. Boyd, D. E. Healy (and A. N. Other, who, being qualified, did less talking and most of the work!) Slowly but surely things took shape. Rugger posts were bought, painted and erected. The ground was surveyed and lined and the stage was set for the first Home fixture. What a great day it was, we were all fairly bursting with pride.

We are glad to say that the first "try" to be scored on our new ground was made by P. H. Gould. Our opponents, Ibis "B" are old friends of our's and they gave us a very excellent game. The score was 18—0 in our favour.

At this early stage, we were all elated with the prospects of a very successful and comfortable season. We were soon to be disillusioned.

Our second fixture was against the School. We had been debating for some time as to the possibilities of a really overwhelming victory or simply a comfortable win in our favour! We gather, from subsequent reports, however, that the score was 31—5 and it was not to our advantage its extraordinary! No further comments, except that, as usual the game was the most enjoyable of the year, and the School deserved

every point they made.

After the opening game on the home ground, we realised that our accommodation was far from adequate. We therefore set plans afoot to secure an extension on the existing pavilion. J. D. Wood discovered just the sort of thing we wanted in the form of a wooden bungalow which was for sale at a nominal figure. The deal went through and the new premises were delivered in pieces all carefully numbered.

In the meantime, we had played three matches, the most memorable being the one played at the foot of Box Hill at Dorking. It was a glorious sunny autumn day and one was tempted rather to gaze at the surrounding country than "get into it." The club has never played better Rugger than they played that afternoon. We deserved to win: the score was 12—6. We noticed that this fixture was well advertised in the town which probably accounted for quite a large "gate." Of the other two matches, we lost one and won one.

It was at this early point in the season that our troubles started. We have never been in the happy position of being able to pick and choose our team from a crowd of playing members, but we have always managed to field a side consisting of O.A.'s only (or nearly always!) For some reason however, the plague caught us. First one and then another member would not be able to The reasons varied. Some just advised the Team Secretary that they would not be able to play, giving no particular reason. Some on the other hand had been crocked in earlier games. P. R. Wood, the Team Secretary, worked himself (and telephone) until both were but shadows of their former selves. As the season progressed, we were forced to draw more and more of our playing members from a band of outside supporters. The club could not have gone on without the support we received in this direction and it is only right that they should receive our warmest thanks. Special mention is made of one "Baron" Burton whom we shall not forget easily.

The match against Pinner was marred for us by a most surprising and distressing accident. S. A. Fabes, our stalwart "back," received an accidental blow in the face, while tackling an opponent. This resulted in a rather severe injury, which kept him from the field for the remainder of the season. He has, however, fully recovered and in fact turned out to referee one of the later games.

The new extension had by this time been started. A gang, some half dozen strong, appeared

regularly each Sunday out at the ground and under the direction of J. D. Wood, the maze of wood and bolts began to assume the appearance of a habitable dwelling. Through the millions of tons of rain that must have fallen and during the Arctic spell, we worked, heaving roof sections into position, bolting the walls to the floor and generally performing quite incredible feats of building construction and still it rained.

It was raining when we lost to the Old Masonians and it was still raining after we had defeated Johnson & Phillips. Both games were as enjoyable as could be expected under ridiculous conditions.

We all enjoyed our visit to Welwyn Garden City to play Mid. Herts "A." Conditions were a little improved and the game was very even. We can fairly say that the score does not do us justice.

This year we were able, in part, to return the hospitality of the P. & O. side. This was a very enjoyable game except, of course but need we mention the rain? . . Lunghi played for us on this occasion and he scored a very neat try between the posts.

Following a tremendous match against the Cavendish "A" team in which both sides fought hard but could not score, we suffered a run of four defeats. In two of these games heavy scores were piled up against us. This succession of ill-luck disheartened us to some extent but we did manage to rally for the final match and this we won by one point.

An examination of the following table speaks for itself. We have not had a successful season. A total of 188 points was scored against us while we scored 129 points. The explanation is quite simple. In every match we played it was necessary to reshuffle the team. Few players played consistently in the same position and there was therefore very little real combination either inside or outside the pack. We hope, however, that in our next season we may once again see some of the old faces with us, and, perhaps more important, some new members. As we have mentioned, we now have a ground and a club house, which though it has still to be completed, promises to be very cosy. We do want playing members badly . . . please let us have your support.

In conclusion, may we thank all the many friends who have interested themselves in our progress. Mr. and Mrs. Wood for their gifts towards the new extension, Mrs. Boyd and Miss Rickard for the set of touch line and signalling flags, the Misses Boyd, Fabes and Healy for their tireless labours with teapot and breadknife.

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Opponent.		Result.	Poi	Points.	
**				For. A	gainst.
Ibis "B"			\mathbf{Won}	18	Nil.
School First XV.			Lost	5	31
Wasps "C"			Lost	9	18
Dorking "A"			Won	12	6
Customs			Won	12	Nil.
Pinner			Lost	Nil.	6
Old Masonians ".	A ''		Lost	3	19
Johnson & Phillip	s		Won	29	5
Nor. West Poly.			Lost	11	17
Mid. Herts " Å "			Lost	Nil.	15
P. & O			Won	11	3
Cavendish "A"			Draw	Nil.	Nil.
Old Reigatians			Lost	Nil.	22
Uxbridge "A"			Lost	5	9
Old Purleians			Lost	3	24
Imps			Lost	3	6
Poly. Ex. "A"	• •		\mathbf{Won}	8	7
				129	188

Played, 17. Lost, 10. Won, 6. Draw, 1.

CRICKET	FIXTURES. FIRST	XI.
Date.	Opponents.	Ground.
Wed. May 26.	Wantage School	Away
Wed. , 26.	8	,
Sat. , 29.	Bloxham School	Home
Wed. June 2.	Magdalen C.S. Oxford	Away
Sat. ,, 5.	Brightwell C.C.	Home
Wed. ,, 9.	Pembroke Coll., Oxon.	Away
Sat. ,, 12.	City of Oxford School	Away
Wed. ", 16.	Leighton Park School	Away
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Wed. July 7.	R.A.F., Bicester	Home
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Sat. ,, 10.	SECOND XI.	Hway
Sat. May 29.	Bloxham School	Away
Wed. June 2.	Magdalen C.S. Oxford	Home
Wed. , 16.	Leighton Park School	Home
Wed. ,, 30.	Loighton Lank Source	1101110
,, 90.	"UNDER 15" XI.	
Wed. May 19.	Magdalen C.S. Brackley	Away
Wed. , 26.	Wantage School	Home
Wed. ,, 26.	Bloxham School	Home
Wed. June 9.	City of Oxford School	Home
Sat. ,, 26.	St. Edward's School	Away
Sat. July 3.	Leighton Park School	Home
Wed. ,, 7.	City of Oxford School	Away
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